

ABSTRACT

A beverage product comprises a container holding a liquid  
5 beverage component and sufficient nitrogen gas to give a gas  
pressure in the head space of at least about 3.3 bar at 5°C,  
said liquid beverage comprising an organoleptically acceptable  
foam-maintaining system such that when the liquid beverage is  
poured from the container a foam is generated, the volume of  
10 which is maintained at greater than about 80% of its initial  
volume for a period of at least about 10, preferably at least  
about 30 minutes. The initial volume of the foam may be less  
than about 20% of the volume of the liquid beverage. The foam-  
maintaining system may comprise octenylsuccinic acid modified  
15 starch, and at least one surface active agent selected from the  
group consisting of acyl lactylate salts, proteins, protein  
hydrolysates, sucrose esters, and mixtures thereof.